

[HOUSE BILL No. 242.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DEC. 1, 1864.—Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, and read first and second times. DEC. 20, 1864.—Amended, engrossed, read a third time and passed.

A. R. LAMAR, *Clerk*.

SENATE, DEC. 21, 1864.—Read first and second times, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. JAN. 5, 1865.—Reported adversely; considered; postponed until to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To provide for Sequestrating the Property of Persons liable to Military Service, who have departed, or shall depart from the Confederate States, without permission.

1 SECTION 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of Ame-
2 rica do enact, That if any person shall voluntarily depart from
3 the Confederate States, without the permission of the President,
4 or of the general officer commanding the Trans-Mississippi De-
5 partment, or of an officer by one of them authorized to grant
6 such permission, and if such person, at the time of such depar-
7 ture, shall be liable to military service, according to the laws of
8 the Confederate States, he shall, from the time of his departure,
9 be treated, for the purposes of this act, as an alien enemy, and
10 his property shall be liable to sequestration, in like manner as
11 the property of other alien enemies. But all proceedings for
12 the sequestration of his property shall cease, and he shall cease

13 to be treated as an alien enemy by reason of such departure, if,
 14 during the present war, and before a decree of sequestration
 15 shall be pronounced against his property, he shall return and
 16 enter upon the performance of military service according to
 17 law. But this act shall not apply to persons who, at the time
 18 of their departure, shall bona fide reside within the lines of the
 19 enemy, or in a part of the Confederacy in the military occupa-
 20 tion of the enemy.

1 SEC. 2. If any person to whom the preceding section applies,
 2 shall voluntarily, and without such permission, go within the
 3 military lines of the enemy, and remain there more than sixty
 4 days, he shall be presumed to have departed from the Confede-
 5 rate States within the meaning of this act.

1 SEC. 3. If any person has heretofore voluntarily, and without
 2 such permission, departed from the Confederate States, or gone
 3 within the military lines of the enemy, for the purpose of avoid-
 4 ing military service, being at the time liable to military service
 5 according to law, or being now liable to military service accord-
 6 ing to law, such person shall be also treated as an alien enemy,
 7 and his property shall be liable to sequestration, according to all
 8 the preceding provisions, unless such person shall return and
 9 enter upon military service according to law, within six months
 10 after the passage of this act.

1 SEC. 4. All grants, conveyances, sales, gifts and transfers of
 2 property hereafter made by any person who shall be liable to

3 military service at the time of making the same, and whose
4 property shall become liable to sequestration under this act, and
5 all liens and incumbrances hereafter created on his property,
6 when he is liable to military service, shall be void as against the
7 claim of sequestration.

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